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Applicant : JIAN, Benjamin

App. No. : 09/327,826

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 29, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2001 Applicant re-writes the following claims and makes the following remarks. An extension of time is requested to extend the time for responding to May 29, 2001, and the appropriate fee is included herewith. In the event additional extensions are needed, applicant requests such extensions.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 11, 14, and 21, without prejudice.

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